



## Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band

### Board of Directors Meeting

January 13, 2022

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm
- II. Members in Attendance: President Matt Lopez, Vice President Bill Bryce, Treasurer Tom Clappi, Secretary/Webmaster Jim Kraftchak, Member-at-Large Matt Bickert, QM/PM Jason Allen, Band Manager Lisa Heilbraun
- III. Reports
  - a. Secretary
    - i. Jim Kraftchak moved to approve the meeting minutes as written, Matt Bickert seconded. Approved unanimously.
  - b. Treasurer
    - i. \$10,496.03 Balance
    - ii. Cash donation of \$50 from James Lind in memory of his grandmother
    - iii. Expenses
      1. \$180 to Jason for caps and ties
      2. \$105 for storage
  - c. Quartermaster
    - i. Jason Allen stated that he still has Boston Scally Caps and the ties left to issue to a few folks
    - ii. Name Tags have been ordered but they are on backorder as they are awaiting the VA Seal to add to the name tag. Currently have received 6.
    - iii. Kilt was returned to stock by Matt Lopez.
  - d. Uniform
    - i. No report.

- e. Membership Committee
  - i. Matt Lopez stated that he plans to visit stations in an attempt to recruit members.
  - ii. Matt Lopez stated that he was able to use the presentation that Matt Bickert created and presented to the new recruit class for Fairfax and that it was well received.
  - iii. Mike Voight is a piper that Matt Lopez has spoken with several times but to date has had no luck getting him to come out.
- f. Fundraising Committee
  - i. Bill Bryce stated that the fundraiser will be moved from February to May since a lot of folks may not come to an indoor event with the current COVID conditions.
  - ii. Bill Bryce will try to move some more tshirts to raise some funds.
  - iii. Bill Bryce will post on the band's Facebook page at least once a month to see about moving the tshirts and getting people notified about the May fundraiser.

#### IV. Old Business

- a. Appreciation of CVFD
  - i. Matt Bickert has spoken to the president of the station to express our appreciation for all that they have done for us.
  - ii. Bill Bryce with Matt Bickert's assistance will get a plaque to present to the station.
  - iii. Bill Bryce motioned that we spend up to \$100 for this plaque, Jim Kraftchak seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Fire and Iron Event
  - i. They are requesting that we play for the opening with the honor guard.
  - ii. It was decided that we will bring this up at the Annual Membership Meeting to gauge interest in the event.
- c. St. Patrick's Day Events
  - i. Bill Bryce stated that Ned Devine's has asked for us on March 17.
  - ii. Alexandria will decide on January 14 whether the parade is a go or not.
  - iii. New York City parades are optional and not a band event. Tom Clappi will get with Nanook to figure things out.
  - iv. Lisa Heilbraun will research if we can get into the Annapolis parade if Alexandria is cancelled.

#### V. New Business

- a. January Membership Meeting
  - i. Elections to be held this year are:
    - 1. Board
      - a. President
      - b. Vice President

- c. Treasurer
- d. Secretary
- e. Member at Large
- 2. Pipe Major
- 3. Drum Major
- ii. Jim Martin has been asked to run the elections.
- iii. Reports are needed from each officer, P/M, D/M and committee chairs.
- iv. Lisa Heilbraun will put up on TeamSnap to remind folks that \$100 dues is required prior to being able to vote at the meeting.
- v. Jim Kraftchak will have sign in sheets, pencils and paper for the meeting.
- vi. Matt Lopez will check to see if the meeting can be held in the Fire Academy.

#### VI. Good of the Order

- a. Matt Lopez stated that as of January 29 he will be out of the Academy and back in the field at Station 40 on B shift so this might affect his ability to attend rehearsals and events from time to time.
- b. Tom Clappi also stated that he is going back into the field.

#### VII. Action Items

- a. Gary Winemiller to update the Uniform Manual with the addition of the name tag.
- b. All committees are to report to the BOD at the next meeting.
- c. Bill Bryce to check with Helicopter Commander about potential police recruitment to the band.
- d. Bill Bryce to complete the Drum Major Manual.
- e. Bill Bryce to post on band's Facebook page monthly to see about moving tshirts and getting hype for the fundraiser
- f. Lisa Heilbraun to check with Annapolis to see if we can participate in their parade if Alexandria cancels
- g. Bill Bryce to get a plaque for Station 17 not to exceed \$100.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm with motion by Jim Kraftchak, seconded by Tom Clappi and passed with a unanimous vote.